

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CRIMINAL)
MOTION TO CONTINUE CALENDAR)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2006-105

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Superior Court to resolve all criminal cases within the guidelines specified in Rule 8 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, and multiple continuances in cases impedes the timely resolution of criminal cases:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that commencing on September 5, 2006 the following procedures are in effect:

1. The assigned trial judge may rule on the first motion to continue a trial on each case that requests a continuance of five court days or less. Subsequent motions and stipulations to continue trials, motions to vacate trial dates filed after the Initial Pretrial Conference, and motions requesting a continuance of the trial date for more than five court days on any criminal case will be heard on the motion to continue calendar. Complex and capital cases, and cases assigned to the Southeast Court Facility are excluded; motions on these cases will be heard by the assigned trial judge.
2. Motions to continue, as well as motions to vacate and reset trials must be filed in writing at least ten court days before the date set for trial, and state the reason the continuance is being requested.
3. The Presiding Judge will appoint a roster of judges to serve in rotation on the motion to continue calendar.
4. When an assigned trial division receives a written motion, written stipulation to continue or to vacate, that division shall forward the motion and case file to the Criminal Presiding Judge by noon of each day. Matters shall be set on the calendar to be heard at 8:00 a.m.

The Court Administrator shall draft, submit for approval, and disseminate operating policies and procedures that comport with and detail the operation of this order.

Signed this 28th day of August, 2006.

Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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